

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs at page 6, lines 6-12 with the following amended paragraphs:

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional explanatory view schematically showing an enlarged portion ~~along a line B-B of FIG. 1.~~

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional explanatory view schematically showing an enlarged portion of a pneumatic tire according to a first embodiment of this invention, ~~the portion being taken along a line A-A in FIG. 4.~~